(b) to (d) In view of above, questions do not arise.

Infrastructural Development for SSI in Uttar Pradesh

†3503. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for consolidated infrastructural development in the rural areas of the backward districts of the State for small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme of the Government of India, three proposals for setting up IID Centres in Baghpat, Barabanki and Ghaziabad Districts of Uttar Pradesh have been received. These proposals are being examined and will be placed before the High Powered Committee for its consideration. In this context, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also intimated that the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation is preparing two more proposals for setting up IID centres Mirzapur and Divyapur.

Placing Order of GSLV by VSSC

3504. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) had placed an order for one set of GSLV strap on attachment system in January, 1996 which was required for use in GSLV scheduled to be launched in December, 1995;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time of receipt of the system by VSSC, the source, the cost and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

the reasons for non-utilisation of in-house facility and placing an order to an external agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) placed an order for one set of GSLV strap-on attachment system in January, 1996, which was required for use in the first GSLV, rescheduled to be launched during 1997-98. This GSLV launch took place finally in April, 2001.

(c) The order was placed on M/s KELTEC, a Kerala Government Undertaking at a cost of Rs. 13.7 lakhs. The supply of the system consisting of more than 600 items, started from July, 1997 and was completed in November, 1998. It was decided to place the order on an external agency, taking into account the workload in the internal facilities and also the large number of strap-on attachment systems required for the GSLV vehicles.

Aster Urban Environmental Modelling Project of U.S.A.

3505. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bande dekh, tujh par rehegi 'uski' har pal nazar" appearing in the Navbharat Times, dated 9th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's views thereon; and

(c) whether Government's permission has been accorded to the Aster Urban Environmental Modelling Project of USA for the study work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Advance Space-borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) is one of the instruments currently operating onboard the TERRA Satellite launched in December , 1999, as a part of the NASA's Earth Observations System (EOS) programme. The overall goal of EOS is to obtain a better understanding of the interactions between biosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and atmosphere. Many universities/research agencies around the world are participating in this scientific study to understand the